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UNCANNY X-MEN





THE **SCARLET WITCH** LOST HER MIND AND USED HER MUTANT POWER TO ALTER REALITY, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD INTO A MUTANT UTOPIA RULED BY HER FATHER, **MAGNETO**.

WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF M.

BECAUSE OF WANDA'S REALITY SHAKE-UP, A TRANS-TEMPORAL TSUNAMI OF UNIMAGINABLE FORCE SWEEPED OUTWARD THROUGH THE DIMENSIONS OF CAUSALITY, SHATTERING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN REALITIES AND THREATENING THE VERY SURVIVAL OF CREATION ITSELF.

BRIAN BRADDOCK, RULER OF OTHERWORLD, HAS BEEN GIVEN 48 HOURS TO SEAL THE BREACH, OR ELSE THE GUARDIAN OF REALITY, **ROMA**, WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO NULLIFY HIS ENTIRE HOME DIMENSION. AIDING HIM IN THIS ENTERPRISE ARE HIS WIFE, **MEGGAN**, HIS SISTER, **BETSY** (A.K.A. **PSYLOCKE**) AND HER COMPANION **RACHEL GREY (MARVEL GIRL)**.

UNFORTUNATELY, ALL FOUR OF THEM HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO THE SCARLET WITCH'S NEW REALITY. IN THIS NEW WORLD, BRIAN IS RULER OF BRITAIN AND REMEMBERS NOTHING OF HIS MISSION, SAVE FOR VAGUE, INCOHERENT DREAMS. HE AND HIS COMPANIONS INTERVENED IN THE PURSUIT OF TWO FUGITIVES BY A BAND OF BOUNTY HUNTERS. THEY MANAGED TO SAVE ONE OF THE FUGITIVES, **NOCTURNE**, WHO LED BETSY AND RACHEL TO THE POINT WHERE CAUSALITY WAS BREACHED. THE BOUNTY HUNTERS FOLLOWED THEM THERE AND WERE NONE TOO PLEASED. PSYLOCKE'S DISCOVERY OF THE BREACH, IN TURN, RESTORED BRIAN'S MEMORY OF HIS MISSION, BUT THE REVELATION MAY HAVE COME TOO LATE—A SQUAD OF SENTINELS, LED BY ΩMEGA SENTINEL **KARIMA SHAPANDAR**, HAS ARRIVED AT BRIAN'S COUNTRY ESTATE TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY ON A CHARGE OF HIGH TREASON.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, BRIAN HAS REFUSED TO GO QUIETLY.

STAN LEE PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE UNCANNY X-MEN!

Season of the Witch

PART
1
OF
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BY CHRIS
CLAREMONT &
CHRIS
BACHALO

I
TOLD YOU,
WOMAN--

--THE FATE
OF ALL CREATION
IS AT STAKE--

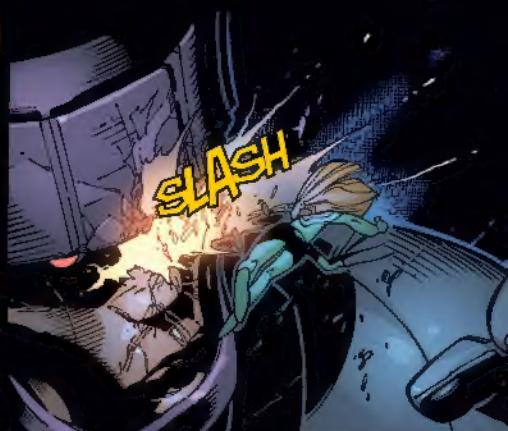
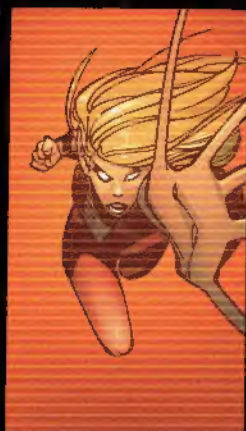
--WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
THIS!

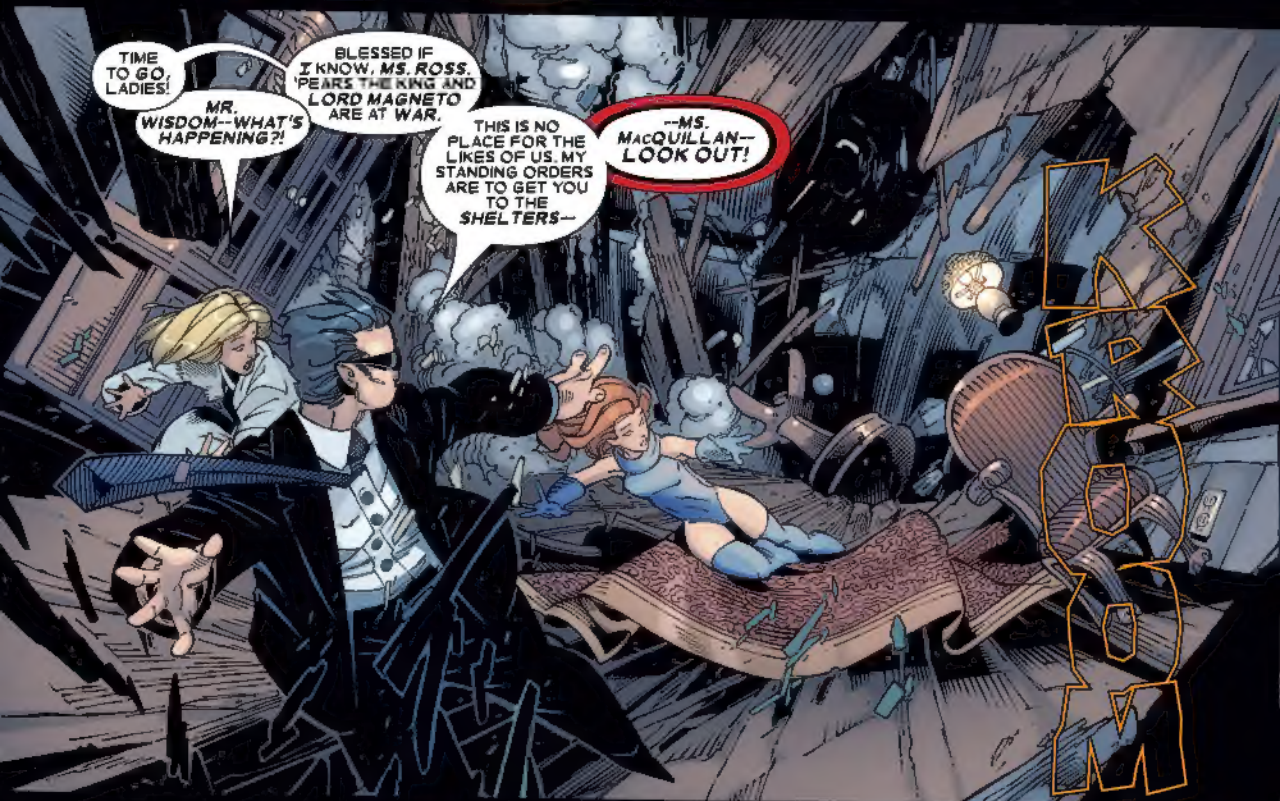
WHY
WOULDN'T YOU
LISTEN? WE COULD
HAVE USED YOUR
HELP!


BRIAN--
SENTINELS!












IN THIS REALITY, LINDA
MACQUILLAN IS
A LADY-IN-WAITING
TO QUEEN MEGGAN.



IN HER HOME DIMENSION,
SHE--LIKE BRIAN BRADDOCK--
IS A MEMBER OF THE CAPTAIN
BRITAIN CORPS.

CHAMPION OF THE
REALM AND A GUARDIAN
OF REALITY ITSELF.

BLESS
MY SOUL.

SHE'S--
MAGNIFICENT!

ROMA SENT
US TO HELP BRIAN.
HOW DID WE GET
SIDETRACKED?

"US?"

THERE
ARE MORE
OF YOU?

I AM
**JUSTICER
BULL!**



IN THE
NAME OF THE LAW,
I CALL UPON YOU TO
STAND DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS AND
SURRENDER!
OR SUFFER THE
CONSEQUENCES.

SHE'S
BLOODY
DAFT.
AND SHE'S
ABOUT TO BE
DEAD.



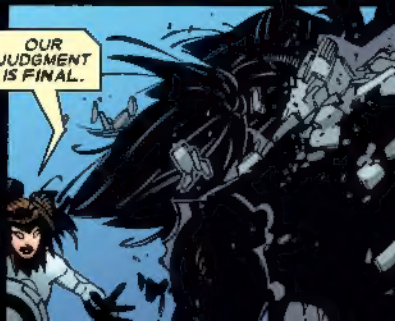
FOOL!

OUR LORD
MAGNETO IS
THE LAW ON
THIS WORLD--

--AND WE
SENTINELS ARE
HIS ENFORCERS.



OUR
JUDGMENT
IS FINAL.



AND WE SHOW
NO MERCY.



STOP!

!?
IONON!

SQUEEE!

DISRESPECT
FOR THE LAW--

GRUNN!

--AND ITS
OFFICERS--

--WILL
NOT BE
TOLERATED!

SLAMM!

OFFICER
SHAPANDAR, YOU
HAVE TO
UNDERSTAND!

THIS ISN'T
TREASON AGAINST
MAGNETO!

WE'RE
TRYING TO SAVE
HIS WORLD FROM
ANNIHILATION!



WHUH?
AGAIN, I'M
TWIN-SYNCHING
WITH BETSY--

SMART GIRL,
THAT RACHEL,
USING HER TEKE
TO IMPRISON
THE BLOB.

BUT WHAT'S
NOCTURNE UP
TO WITH
BANSHEE?!

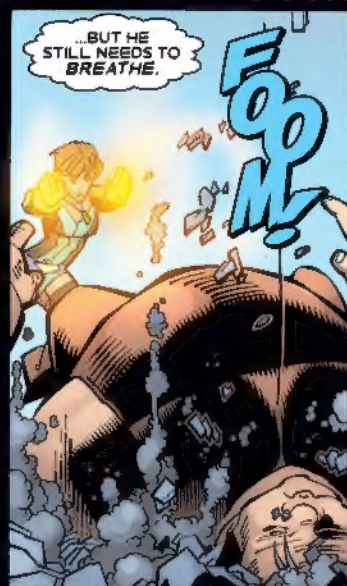
--SHARING HER
EXPERIENCES.



BRAVA,
RACHEL!

THE BLOB MAY
CONSIDER HIMSELF
IMMOVABLE...

GASP!
GASP!!
WHEEZE!



...BUT HE
STILL NEEDS TO
BREATHE.

FOOM!

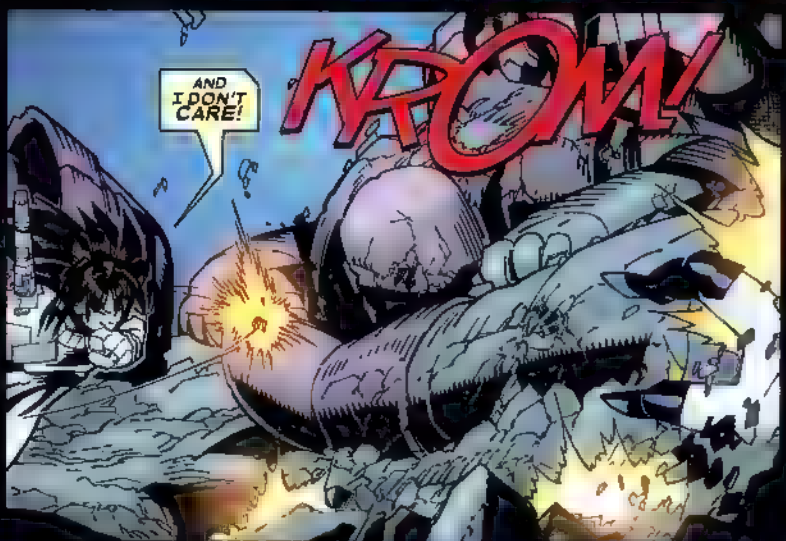


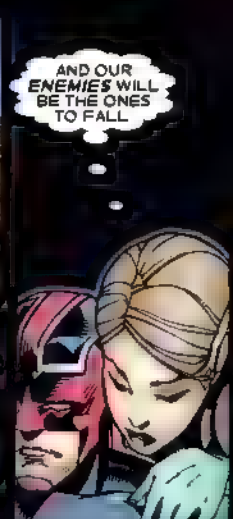
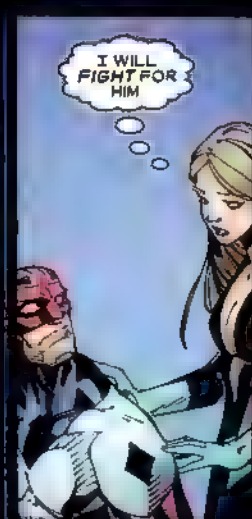
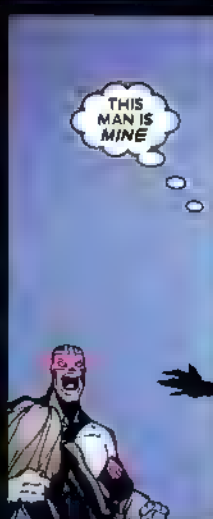
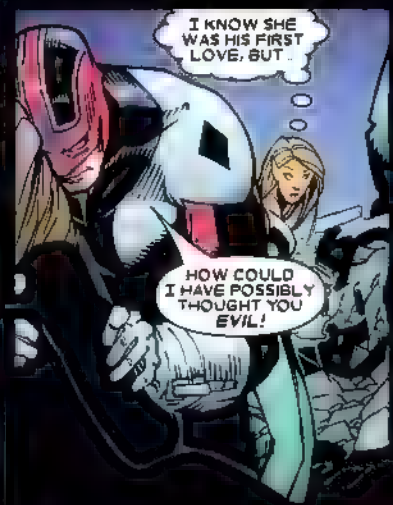
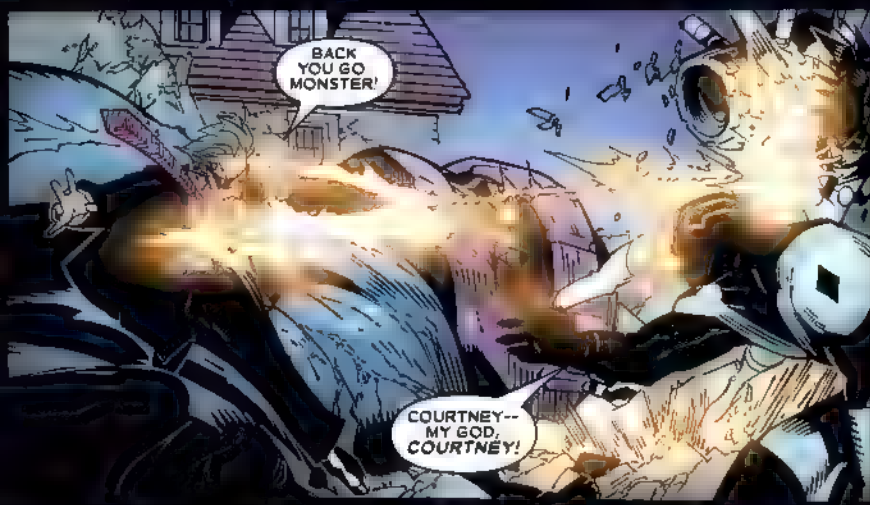
DID NOCTURNE
SOMEHOW MERGE
WITH BANSHEE?

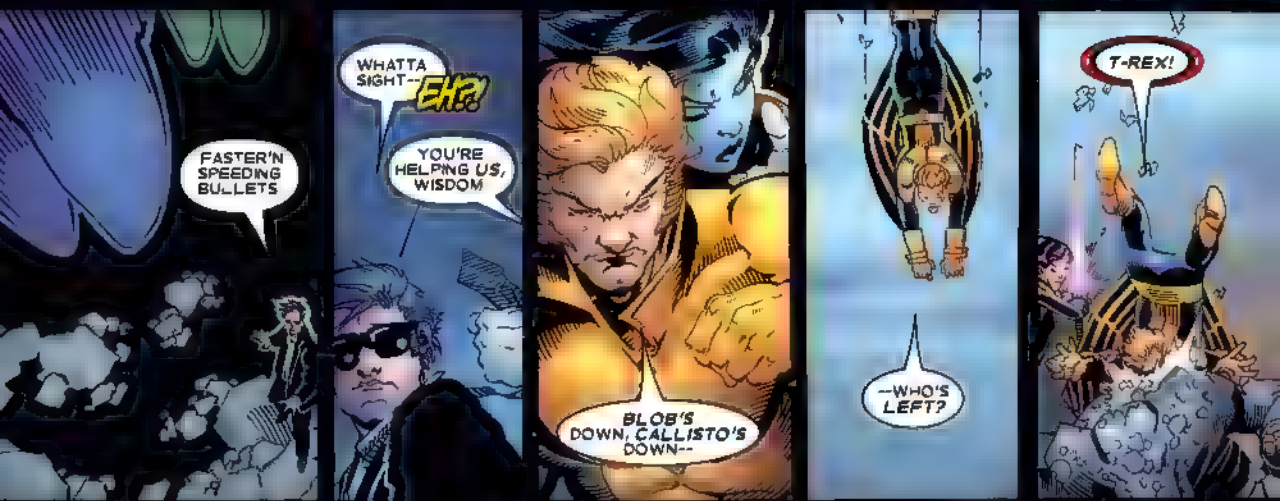


DOES THAT
ALLOW HER TO
CONTROL HIS
ACTIONS?

EEEEEEEEE

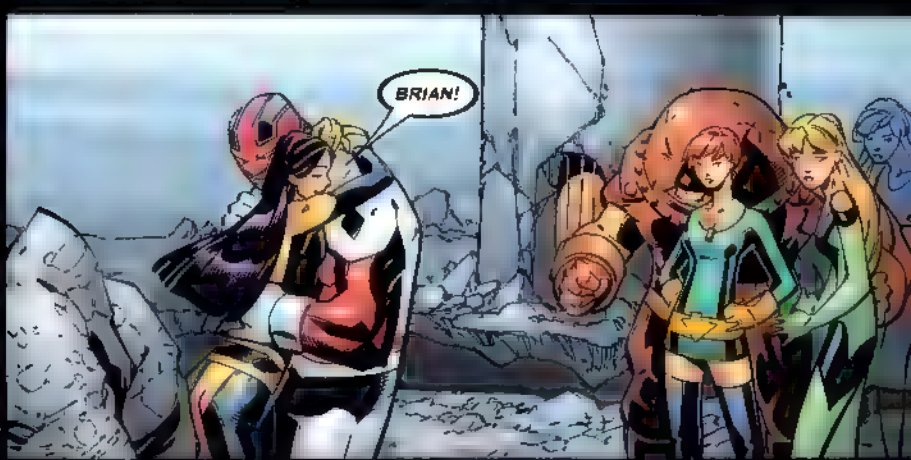








YOU'RE
NOT SO BAD
YOURSELF,
PSYLOCKE.



BRIAN!



NOW WHAT
THE DEVIL IS
THIS?!

I
BELIEVE--
A HOLE IN
CAUSALITY
ITSELF

THE BREACH
THAT ROMA NEEDS
SEALED.


WHY DOES
THAT NAME SOUND
FAMILIAR?

A VERY
LONG STORY.
I'M AFRAID



FOR
ANOTHER
TIME, THEN,
AFTER WE'VE
WON.

IN YOUR
DREAMS,
TRAITORS



BECAUSE IN REALITY,
YOUR FUTURE WILL BE
NASTY, BRUTISH AND
VERY, VERY SHORT.

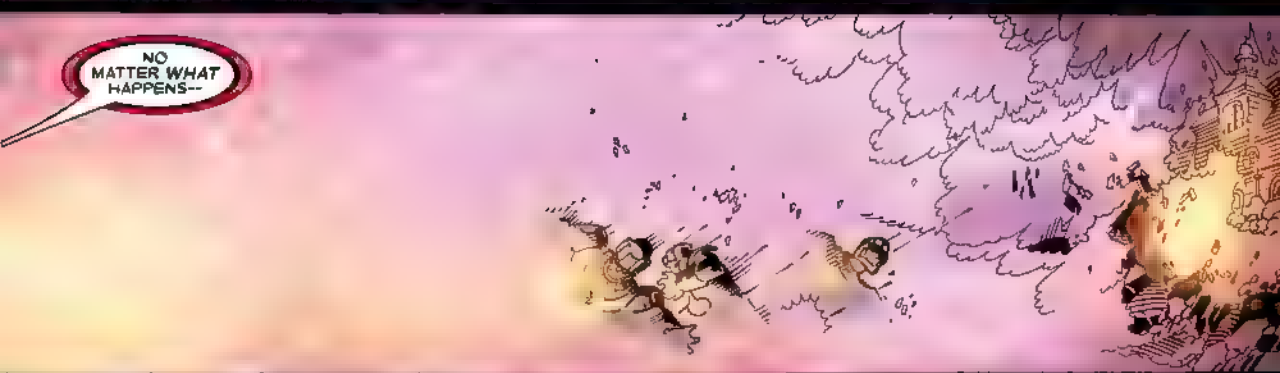
BETTS--
THE SENTINELS
ARE CHANNELING
ALL THEIR POWER
THROUGH THE
ΩMEGA!

SYNCH YOUR
TEKE WITH MINE,
RACHEL--

FORM A
SHIELD!

HER
BLAST'S
DEFLECTING
INTO THE
RIFT!

WATCH
OUT FOR
BACKLASH!





WE'RE--
ALIVE!

BUT THE
LAND--MY
REALM--!

WE'RE NOT
DONE YET, KIDS
WE STILL GOT THAT
BREACH TO DEAL WITH
FOR SOME STRANGE
REASON IT'S SMALLER
AND GLOWING BUT
NOT GONE

SO I'M GUESSIN' THIS
"X" IS A BAD THING,
AM I RIGHT?

ABSOLUTELY

I'M GUESSIN' IT'S
A HOLE. GOTTA BE
PLUGGED?

INNAT
CASE--

HEY!

--I CAN'T
THINK OF ANYONE
BETTER TO DO
THE JOB

ROMA'S STARLIGHT CITADEL

DO IT,
ROMA! FOR ALL
OUR SAKES, DO
IT NOW!

NOT YET,
SATURNYNE

DON'T
FAIL ME, MY
CHAMPION.

TIME IS
FAR SHORTER
THAN I DARE
LET ON



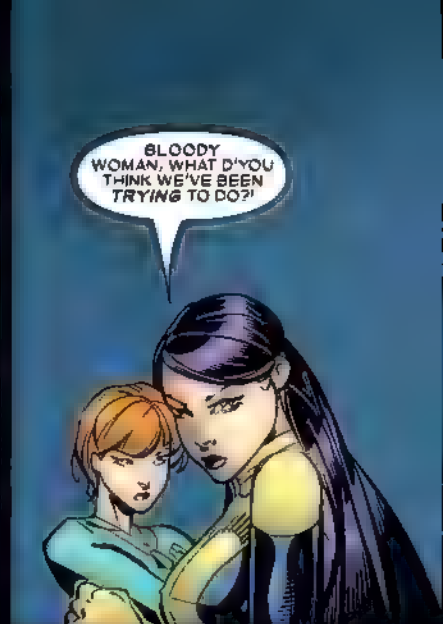
BRIAN BRADDOCK...

MEGGAN--
AGAIN, SOMEHOW
SHE'S CHANNELING
THE CELESTIAL
GUARDIAN!

...IF YOU
CANNOT SEAL THIS
RIFT, IN A MATTER
OF MINUTES



I
MUST--I
SHALL--
NULLIFY
YOUR
WORLD...
AND
YOUR ENTIRE
DIMENSION



BLOODY
WOMAN, WHAT D'YOU
THINK WE'VE BEEN
TRYING TO DO?!



HUSH, NOW,
MEGGAN, WE'LL
DO THIS



YOU ARE MY
MORNING-STAR.
YOU ARE THE
LAUGHTER IN
MY SOUL.

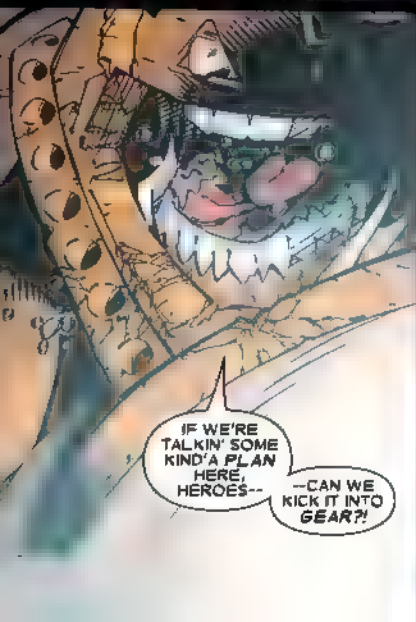
YOU ARE
ALL--!

SHHH!



TELL ME
LATER, MY
LOVE

I THINK I
CAN FIX THIS. I
CAN HARNESS THE
POWERS OF THE
BEYOND. I KNOW
I CAN. IF YOU
CAN SEAL THE
TEAR...



IF WE'RE
TALKIN' SOME
KIND'A PLAN
HERE,
HEROES--

--CAN WE
KICK IT INTO
GEAR?!



MY POSSESSING
YOU DIDN'T WORK
BEFORE

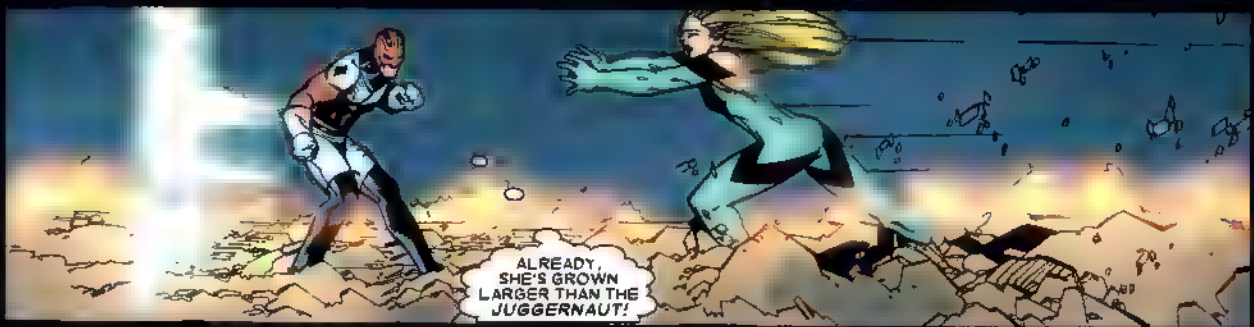
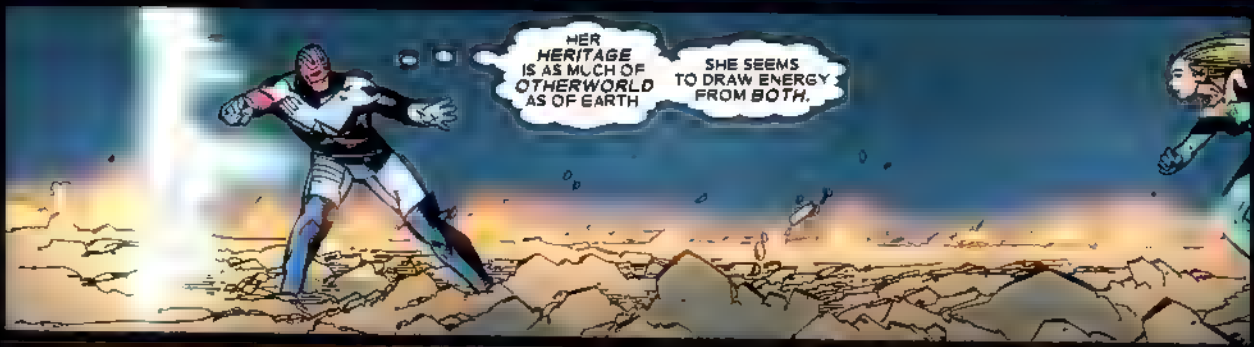
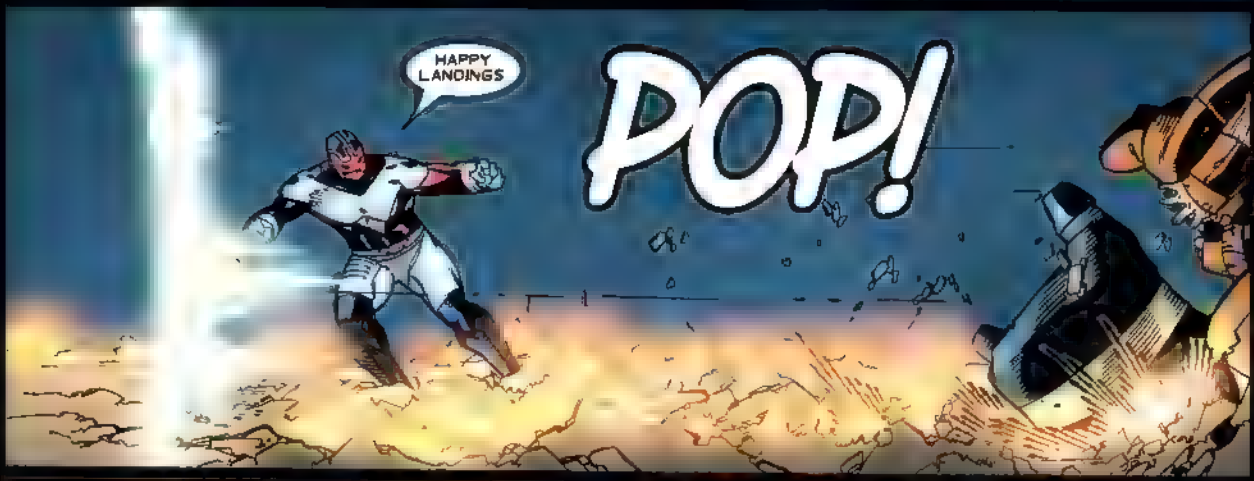
YOU'RE THE BOSS
MY STRENGTH IS
YOURS.

I'M NOT
FIGHTING
THIS TIME



ALL RIGHT,
JUGGERNAUT,
YOU'VE DONE
YOUR PART

YOU CAN
RELAX





GOOD LUCK!

YOU, TOO!



SHE'S THROUGH, BETSY!

THE REST IS UP TO US!



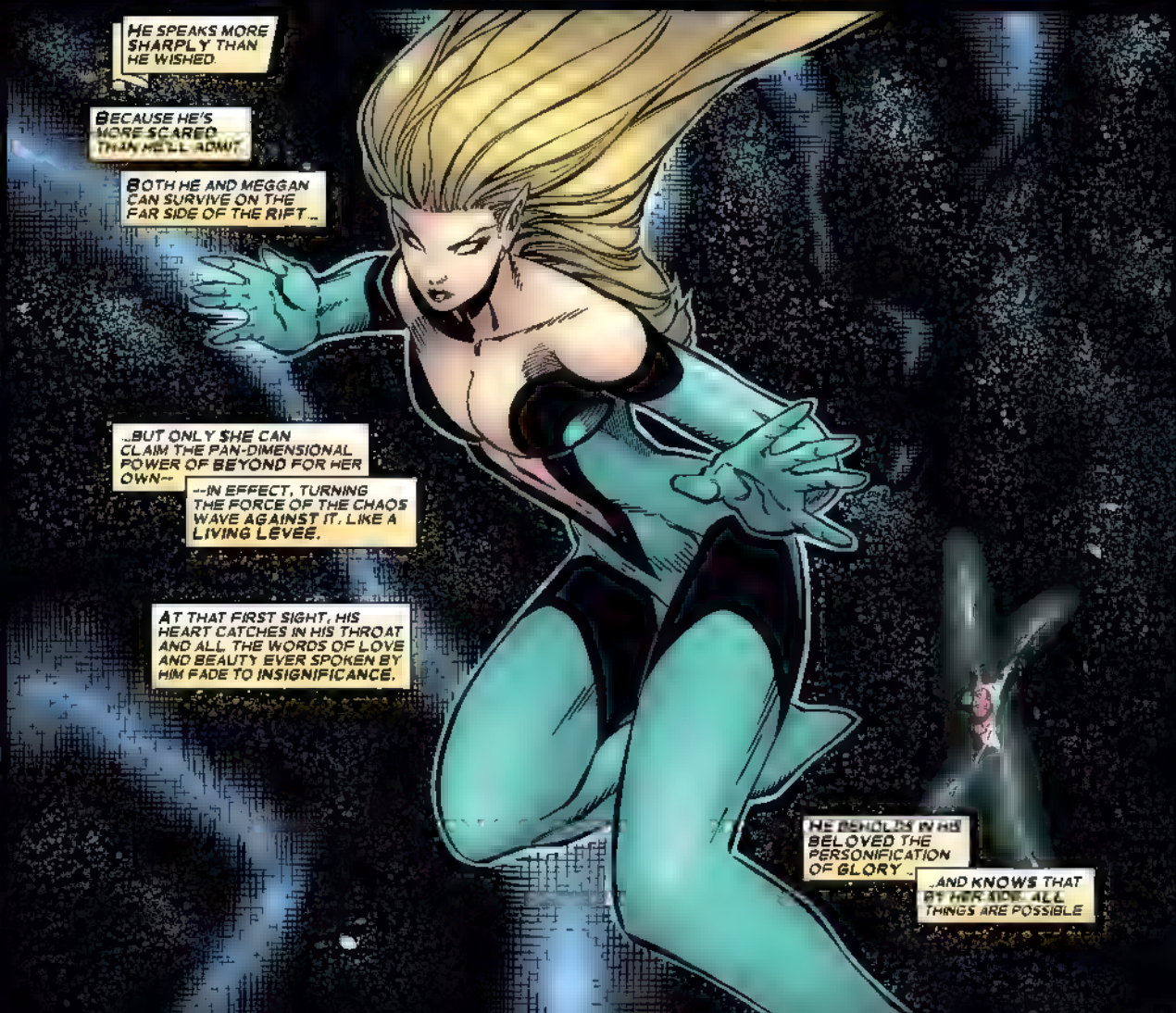
WE USE OUR STRENGTH TO CLOSE THE SEAMS OF THE TEAR.

...SO RACHEL CAN SEAL THEM



BRIAN-- WHAT RE YOU DOING?

GIVE ME A SECOND, DAMMIT!



HE SPEAKS MORE SHARPLY THAN HE WISHED

BECAUSE HE'S MORE SCARED THAN HE'LL ADMIT.

BOTH HE AND MEGGAN CAN SURVIVE ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE RIFT...

...BUT ONLY SHE CAN CLAIM THE PAN-DIMENSIONAL POWER OF BEYOND FOR HER OWN--

--IN EFFECT, TURNING THE FORCE OF THE CHAOS WAVE AGAINST IT, LIKE A LIVING LEVEE.

AT THAT FIRST SIGHT, HIS HEART CATCHES IN HIS THROAT AND ALL THE WORDS OF LOVE AND BEAUTY EVER SPOKEN BY HIM FADE TO INSIGNIFICANCE.

HE BEHOLDS IN HIS BELOVED THE PERSONIFICATION OF GLORY...

...AND KNOWS THAT BY HER SIDE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

UNTIL HE SEES
WHAT SHE'S UP
AGAINST.



MEGGAN!

HE MAY BE A
HERO, BUT HE'S
ONLY HUMAN.

STOP IT,
BROTHER, YOU
HAVE TO STAY!

BETSY--
SHE'S MY
WIFE!

AND IF YOU
FOLLOW YOUR
HEART--

...IF YOU
ABANDON YOUR
RESPONSIBILITIES
AS A MONARCH,
A HERO--

--A
MAN--

--THEN ALL
OUR WORK, OUR
SACRIFICES,
WILL BE FOR
NOTHING.

YOU
ARE CAPTAIN
BRITAIN--

--I
AM YOUR
LADY!

AND THIS,
MY LOVE, IS
WHAT I WAS
BORN TO
DO!





